

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DWIGHT S. WHETSTONE,
Petitioner,

CIVIL ACTION

v.

JEROME WALSH, et al.,
Respondents.

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No. 13-3460

ORDER

EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, Jr.

AND NOW, this 9th day of September, 2013, upon careful and independent consideration of the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and after review of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Timothy R. Rice, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Report and Recommendation is APPROVED and ADOPTED.
2. Petitioner's petition for a writ of habeas corpus is STAYED and held in ABEYANCE until the conclusion of Petitioner's state court proceedings.
3. Petitioner shall return to federal court within thirty days following the conclusion of his state court proceedings. If Petitioner does not return to federal court within that time, this stay and abeyance order will be vacated and his petition will be denied without prejudice.
4. There is no probable cause to issue a certificate of appealability.

BY THE COURT:


EDUARDO C. ROBRENO
U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

① No objections having been filed
by petitioner or respondents.